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, FARHAT AND BENNOUR COMMENTS IN PARA 2 OF REFTTEL, AS WELL AS COMMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO BENNOUR ON OTHER OCCASIONS, IMPLY THAT GOT HAD BEEN INTENDING TO PURCHASE BOTH CHAPARRAL LAUNCHERS AND MISSILES UNDER FMS PROCEDURES. IF THIS IS STILL THE CASE, DOD ADVISES THAT ESTIMATED TIME FOR DELIVERY OF COMPLETE, OPERATIONAL, STANDARD LAUNCHERS WITH ALL REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS AND GOVERNMENT FURNISHED EQUIPMENT (GFE), WILL BE 30 MONTHS. THE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND CERTAIN GFE (PARTICULARLY STARTER-GENERATOR FOR LAUNCHER) ARE THE LONG-LEAD TIME OR PACING ITEMS WHICH DICTATE 30-MONTH AVAILABILITY FOR COMPLETE STANDARD LAUNCHER. THERE WILL BE NO GAP BETWEEN NORMAL AVAILABILITY OF STANDARD LAUNCHERS AND MISSILES, I.E., 30 MONTHS FOR

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BOTH ITEMS.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AERONUTRONIC FORD CAN DELIVER NON-STANDARD LAUNCHERS IN 17 MONTHS ONLY BY:

(1) MOUNTING LAUNCHER ON A TRAILER RATHER THAN ON U.S. ARMY'S STANDARD, TRACKED VEHICLE (THE XM-730).

(2) PROVIDING SUBSTITUTES FOR STARTER-GENERATOR AND OTHER GFE ON LAUNCHER;

(3) PROVIDING LAUNCHERS WITH SUBSTITUTE RADIOS AND INTERCOM EQUIPMENT -- I.E., EQUIPMENT THAT IS NOT STANDARD TO U.S. ARMY CHAPARRAL UNIT; AND

(4) USING AIR SHIPMENT.

WHAT FOREGOING MEANS IS THAT IF GOT CHOOSES THIS OPTION, IT WOULD NOT HAVE OPERATIONAL SYSTEM WITH ALL STANDARD COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND GFE SUPPORTABLE BY U.S. ARMY UNTIL AFTER 30 MONTHS WHEN THIS EQUIPMENT COULD BE SUBSTITUTED (AT EXTRA COST TO GOT) FOR THAT INITIALLY PROVIDED BY AERONUTRONIC FORD. THE TRAILER ITSELF IS NON-STANDARD ITEM AND IS NOT SUPPORTABLE BY U.S. ARMY. FOR ABOVE REASONS WE HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT MILITARY DESIRABILITY OF GOT PRESSING USG FOR ACCELERATED 17-MONTH DELIVERY OF MISSILES TO COINCIDE WITH AERONUTRONIC FORD DELIVERY OF NON-STANDARD LAUNCHERS.

3. NEVERTHELESS, RECOGNIZING TUNISIA'S SHORT-TERM SECURITY CONCERNS, WE HAVE TASKED DEPARTMENT OF ARMY TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT CAN RELEASE 60 MISSILES IN JANUARY - FEBRUARY 1978 TIMEFRAME TO COINCIDE WITH POSSIBLE EARLY DELIVERY OF NON-STANDARD LAUNCHERS FROM AERONUTRONIC FORD. ARMY'S RESPONSE WILL BE A MAJOR FACTOR IN OUR STRUCTURING OF CHAPARRAL PROGRAM FOR GOT. WHETHER EFFECTIVE TRAINING COULD BE CONDUCTED IN TUNISIA 17 MONTHS FROM NOW DEPENDS UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF TRAINING MISSILES AND OTHER TRAINING MATERIALS. INFORMATION ON TRAINING IS BEING PREPARED BOTH IN CONNECTION WITH ARMY'S LETTER OF OFFER AND IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR  
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VARIOUS TRAINING OPTIONS BY COLONEL OUESLATI, GOT MILITARY ATTACHE HERE. TRAINING INFORMATION SHOULD BE AVAILABLE BY EARLY SEPTEMBER. IN MEANTIME, WHILE TECHNICAL MAINTENANCE TRAINING SHOULD BE AT CONUS SCHOOLS, GOT MAY WISH TO ACCEPT AERONUTRONIC FORD'S OFFER TO TRANSLATE MANUALS INTO FRENCH AND TO PROVIDE OPERATOR AND TACTICAL TRAINING IN TUNISIA SINCE MANUAL TRANSLATIONS WOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN LOA.

4. ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF COMBINED CHAPARRAL LAUNCHER/  
MISSILE LOA TO GOT WAS SENT TO CONGRESS SEPTEMBER 1. UN-  
SIGNED DRAFT COPY OF LOA WAS POUCHED TO EMBASSY SEPTEMBER  
1 FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION WITH GOT, BUT  
NOT RPT NOT FOR SIGNATURE. THIS WILL ASSIST GOT PRE-  
PARATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 14-15 MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON WHEN  
AERONUTRONIC FORD PROPOSAL AND DRAFT LOA CAN BE ADDRESSED  
IN MORE DETAIL. KISSINGER

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